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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn.: Health Officer/Director of Environmental Health/Chief Sanitarian
MDA Food Program Staff

FROM: Food Service Sanitation Section & Science and Technology Section
Food and Dairy Division

SUBJECT: **Enforcement of New Requirements in the Food Law of 2000**

The Michigan Food Law of 2000 is effective on November 8, 2000. This memorandum provides guidance on enforcing the law's *new* requirements. Specifically, this document discusses two operational tools for your use during the first six months of implementation:

- ✓ Emphasis on consultation for new requirements
- ✓ Scheduling of inspections with the establishments

Emphasis on consultation for new requirements

MDA encourages an emphasis on consultation for new requirements during the first six months of effect. The emphasis should be on trying to work with the operators to identify conditions that need to be changed and providing consultation as needed on the various options for achieving the best system to ensure safer food. We believe this approach will be more effective in persuading people to permanently change their behavior and operation to maintain compliance with the new food law.

MDA developed the "1999 Food Code Compliance Worksheet" to assist inspectors in the consultation and training of operators in the new requirements of the food law. Consultation efforts should focus on problems identified during this review.

Scheduling of inspections with the establishments

An unannounced inspection during establishment operation is the standard for a regulatory compliance inspection. However, during the first six months of effectiveness of the Food Law of 2000, we will allow, and encourage when appropriate, the use of inspection by appointment.

Inspections by appointment should be made with the individuals most closely responsible for the food establishment operations. This will allow you to ensure that your consultation on the new Food Law of 2000 requirements reaches the individual most capable of making the necessary changes. In addition, it allows you to ensure the right staff are ready to give the inspector undivided attention.

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